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Date of Birth	:	13th January, 1978
State of Origin	:	Edo State
Nationality	:	Nigerian
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Marital Status	:	Married

Academic Qualifications

- Nigeria Institute of Public Relations (Diploma) 2021
- Radio Broadcast (Master Class) 2015
- Sales and Marketing Management (Executive Certificate) 2014
- Masters of Public Administration (MPA) 2007
- Bachelor of Arts in English Language (2nd Class Honours) 2000
- Certificate in Computer Programming 1995
- West African School Certificate 1993

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Institutions Attended

❖ Nigeria Institute of Public Relations (NIPR)	2017- 2022
❖ Enterprise Development Centre PAU	2014
❖ ObafemiAwolowo University, Ile Ife	2005-2007
❖ ObafemiAwolowo University, Ile Ife	1995-2000
❖ AfowahMixed Secondary School, Uzairue	1987-1993
❖ Usogun Primary School, Auchi	1982-1987

Experience And Expertise

Consultancy Project (2022 to date)
Team Lead, NCC Telecom Weekly Production

Coordination of weekly production from content generation, script writing, production design, post production, editingand broadcast on Nigeria Television Authority of TV programme for the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) 2021 to date.

Consultancy Projects (2020 to 2022)
Team Lead, NITDA Impact TV Production

Coordination of weekly production and broadcast on Nigeria Television Authority of TV programme for the National Information Technology Development Agency, (NITDA). Task including generating content, writing of reports, editing and entire post production.(2018-2020).

External Media Manager, Code of Conduct Bureau (2019 to 2020)

Gate keeping of media interest for CCB, regular media tracking, helping in the perception management, organizing periodic media engagement for the Chairman of the Bureau, writing of strategic press releases, executing media/strategic communications trainings for the CCB and advisory responsibilities.(2019-2020)

Editorial Supervisor, NITDA I-Tech Beam Magazine

Supervision of editorial duties, writing of reports, proof reading and designing of magazine publication and production for NITDA (2014)

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Team Lead, NCC Special ITU Documentary

Managing the production of the Nigeria Communications Commission special Int'l Telecommunications Union (ITU) documentary entry. Designing the production, conducting research, handling interviews and the editing for a top notch documentary. (2016)

Project Manager/Regional Coordinator Anglophone West Africa CABSAT

Engaging broadcast organizations public and private sectors, prospecting for participants, meeting with government regulatory bodies and seeking sponsorships and subscriptions from Nigeria, Ghana, Gambia, Sierra-Leone for the CABSAT MENA event in Dubai UAE. (2015)

Editor-in-Chief, Cyber Africa TV/Magazine (TMC) 2012- date
Main Duties/Responsibilities

- Hiring and developing writers and senior editors for TV & print
- Weekly TV programme production, supervision and broadcast on AIT
- Producer/Editor two weekly TV programmes on Africa Independent TV
- Approving the publication and production layout, design, style for broadcast/publication
- Reviewing written content for spelling and grammar errors
- Fact-checking information in articles and stories
- Providing suggestions for edits when needed
- Writing editorial pieces to contribute to the publication

Chief Operating Officer DigiVation/Infotech Network TV (TMC) 2014 -date
Main Duties/Responsibilities

- Developing and managing budgets for operations team
- Managing the daily operations of the organization and ensuring smooth work flow
- Deputizing for the Chief Executive Officer in business and official engagements
- Design and implement business strategies, plans and procedures
- Establish policies that promote company culture and vision
- Representing the management team at social functions
- Manage relationships with partners/vendors

Managing Editor, Horizons Int'l Magazine 2010-2012

- Plan and manage all daily operations
- Hire, coach/mentor and supervise personnel
- Collaborate with editor in chief to determine issues' content and topics
- Coordinate editorial publications and meetings
- Plan and approve assignments for writers and editors

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- Control schedules and enforce deadlines (for writers, photographers, designers etc.)
- Oversee proofreading procedures and edit copy when necessary

General Editor, Royal International Magazine2007-2009

- Analyze attributes and requirements of print and digital media to strengthen editor's position.
- Manage and produce news to present information with accuracy, flow, and within time frame.
- Manage and edit contents to cater to readers' requirement & provide information for same.
- Design and implement coverage strategies to facilitate wide coverage of all sorts of issues and news.
- Evaluate all news for authenticity and check with sources to ensure correctness of published article to avoid conflicts.
- Monitor all feeds from news bureaus and other agencies for editing and further publication

News Reporter/Feature Writer, Star Beats Weekly2005-2007

- Reportorial duties with bias for sports, travel and tourism
- Writing of features on selected societal issues and subject matter
- General news gathering duties
- Conduct interviews and transcriptions for reports

CORP ATTACHEE (NYSC)

2000-2001

Nigerian Police Public Relation Office, Police Headquarter, Makurdi, Benue State

- Conduct interviews and transcriptions for reports
- Drafting of Police press releases,
- Editing of Police community news bulletin and
- Coordinating of community enlightenment programmes
- Participating in public enlightenment campaigns

Reporter/Commentator , West African University Games (WAUG) '99 1999

StadeDe'Lamite
Republique Du Benin

- Anchoring live sports events
- Running live commentaries and analysis

Guest Analyst, Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State 1998

France '98 World Cup

- Studio guests for live world cup analysis
- Previews and reviews of matches before, during and after live games

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Reporter/Presenter (Internship) 1996-1997
The Nigerian Television Authority (NTA)
Agodi-Gate, Ibadan Oyo State

- News reporting / Programme presentation
- Script Writing and General Editing
- Production assistance and research tasks

LIBRARY ASSISTANT 1995-1996
Hezekiah Oluwasanmi Library, OAU, Ile-Ife

- Loan Desk Services, Retrieval of Journals, Cataloging,
- Shelving of Periodical and Journals
- Labeling and cataloguing duties
- Periodicals and journal subscription responsibilities

DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

Techlife Impact Media Personality of the Year 2024
ACJ Distinguished Media Legacy Award 2024
Distinguished Alumni Service Award 2023
Most Outstanding ICT Editor of the Year (Africa Digital Awards) 2018
Fellow Institute of Information Mgt (IIM) Africa 2017
Most Outstanding Sports Reporter of the Year the Megaphone News 1998
Award of Excellent Sports Reporting 1999
Association of Campus Journalist (ACJ), OAU, Ife

POSITIONS HELD

Publicity Secretary, **Nigeria Internet Group (NIG)** 2018 - till date
Public Relations Officer, **Great Ife Mainland Metro Alumni OAU, Lagos** 2017- 2021
Executive Director, **Centre for Cyber Awareness & Dev. (CECAD)** 2015- till date
Member, **Nigeria Information Technology Reporters Ass. (NITRA)** 2018- till date
Co Convener/Coordinator, **Nigeria Digital Innovation Conference** 2016-2018
Regional Coordinator, **Anglophone West Africa CABSAT UAE** 2016-2017
Member, Senate Cmtte Media Advisory Group on ICT/Cyber Security 2018-2019
Director of Information & Strategy, **Int'l Youth Council, Nig** 2014 -till date
Local Organising Committee Member, **(LOC) eNigeria Conference** 2012-2013
Project Manager, **Ghana Nigeria Tourism/Culture Showcase** 2011- 2018
Public Relations Officer, **National Association of Public Administration Students, OAU, Ile-Ife** 2006 -2007
Secretary General, **NYSC Youth Tourism Club Makurdi, Benue State** 2000-2001
President, **Student Sports Writers & Commentary Association of Nigeria, OAU, Ile-Ife, Osun State** 1998-1999
Editor-in-Chief, **The Megaphone News Agency, OAU, Ile-Ife, Osun State** 1999-2000

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SOME SPECIALIZED TRAININGSATTENDED

Digital Skills in News Reportage for ICT Journalists, Abuja	2020
Basics in Television Production and Studio Management, Lagos	2018
Broadcast Radio Master Class, Lagos	2014
Sales and Marketing Training, Enterprise Dev. Centre, Pan Africa Uni. Lagos	2014
Workshop for Media Practitioners, (NOTAP) Lagos	2012
Google Nigeria Digital Media Training, School of Media & Comm. PAU	2011

SOME CONFERENCES ATTENDED

DigiVation Future Summit, Lagos	2023
DigiNext Forum, Lagos	2023
Corporate Meet Up 2.0, Lagos	2022
GSM at 20 Conference, Abuja	2021
eNigeria Int'l Conference (NITDA) Abuja	2019
National Youth Peace Conference (NYPS) Bauchi	2019
Panafest African Diaspora Conference, Accra-Ghana	2018
Houston Black Heritage Festival 2016, Texas USA	2017
Gulf Information Technology Exhibition (GITEX), Dubai UAE	2016
Offshore Oil and Gas Conference, Houston Texas	2015
Cable Broadcast Satellite conference (CABSAT) Dubai UAE	2015
International Telecommunications Union World (ITU), Bangkok Thailand	2013
Samsung Africa Media Forum, Cape Town South Africa	2012
Samsung Africa Media Forum, Nairobi Kenya	2011

SOME SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Moderator- NITRA ICT Growth Conference 4.0 2024: Navigating the Dangers of AI in a Developing Economy; the Role of Public & Private stakeholders
Panelist DigiVation Future Summit 2024: Leveraging Policy & Governance to Accelerate Innovation for a Sustainable Future
Speaker 2022 Lagos Education Fair: Transforming Education: Enhancing Access to Qualitative Tertiary Education

Host DigiVation Dialogue: Africa's Digital Transformation in Post COVID 19 Pandemic
July 3, 2020

Keynote Speaker on: Leaving a Worthy Alumni Legacy at Great Ife Mainland Metro OAU, Community Service Day. June 12, 2019

Panel Discussant: Harnessing African Diaspora Heritage for Growth and Development at Panafest,Accra Ghana May 9th, 2018

Chief Moderator:atNigeria Digital Innovation Summit on: Technology and Innovation for Economic Transformation. Sept. 21, 2017

Speaker: Internet Freedom Forum by Paradigm Initiative on: Rights are rights, Online or Offline Nigeria March 9, 2016

Other Publications By The Author

Nigeria's digital economy drive: Gains and Challenges **(Cyber Africa)**	August, 2020
eLearning in Nigeria: Redefining Education and Training **(DigiVation)**	July, 2020
Olumo Rock; Nature's Wonder **Tribe Times Magazine**	August, 2010
Zuma and The Challenges Before the ANC , ***Royal Int'l Mag*** August,	2008
Bafana Bafana and The Road to 2010 Nations Cup **Royal International Magazine**	December, 2008
COJA & THE Challenges of Hosting the All-African Games **Star Beats Weekly.**	Sept, 2003
The Nigerian Police & Her Public Image **Abuja PM News**	March, 2001
The Legacy of a Lasting Land Mark **The Megaphone News.**	June, 2001
Sportsmen & the Challenges of University Education **Student Tonic News.**	August, 1999
Life as a Phenomenon (Unpublished)	November, 1998
Man's Inhumanity to man **NPC News Bulletin**	October, 1995

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